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## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Application Number	10/056,662
Filing Date	01/23/2002
First Named Inventor	Daniel J. Benedict
Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	Leon B. Lankford, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	140205-1010

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☒ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 3, 2004
- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Amendment and Interview Summary
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other:
3. **Fees**
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$385.00 for small entity)
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PATENT

In Re Application of:

Daniel J. Benedict

Serial No.: 10/056,662

Filed: 01/23/2002

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ISLET ISOLATION**

Confirmation No.: 9818

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Leon B. Lankford, Jr.

Docket No. 140205-1010

**AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the Amendment and Response previously filed on August 3, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Further, Applicant directs the Examiner to the Amendment and Remarks contained herein.

**Deposit Account Authorization**

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.